

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees
Subject: President's Report
From: Peter Morales
Date: January 19, 2017

This report continues my practice of bringing to the Board's attention significant information that will not come via monitoring reports.



- **New cooperation with UUSC**—The leadership of the UUSC shares my view that the new national administration is likely to take action that we feel violates basic human rights. The most likely immediate targets are undocumented immigrants from Mexico and Central America and Muslims. However, other groups were also targeted during the campaign and will be at risk. We have just sent a joint declaration (the Board received advanced notice). Beyond this, we are committed to two main courses of action. First, we will support efforts of our congregations to provide sanctuary (in a number of forms). The UUA will take the lead in this effort which will require a new level of coordination of staff in the field and at headquarters. Second, we are beginning a communications campaign to help change attitudes. The UUA will work closely with the UUSC, but the UUSC will take the lead in developing a strategy and messaging. This is a very fluid environment and we need to be agile.
- **Multi-faith Outreach**—I just returned from a meeting of more than 30 denominational leaders. The meeting, held in Austin, Texas, was a follow up to the meeting of more than 80 religious (and quasi religious) entrepreneurs at Harvard Divinity School. The meeting included Jewish and Christian officials a wide variety of denominations including Methodists, UCC, Presbyterians, Baptists, Lutherans, Catholics, Reform Jews, Conservative Jews, the Jewish Renewal Movement and Unitarian Universalists. The next challenge is to find collaborative ways to nurture spiritual innovation and spread the learnings.